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Dedication Service for

New Prospect Baptist Church

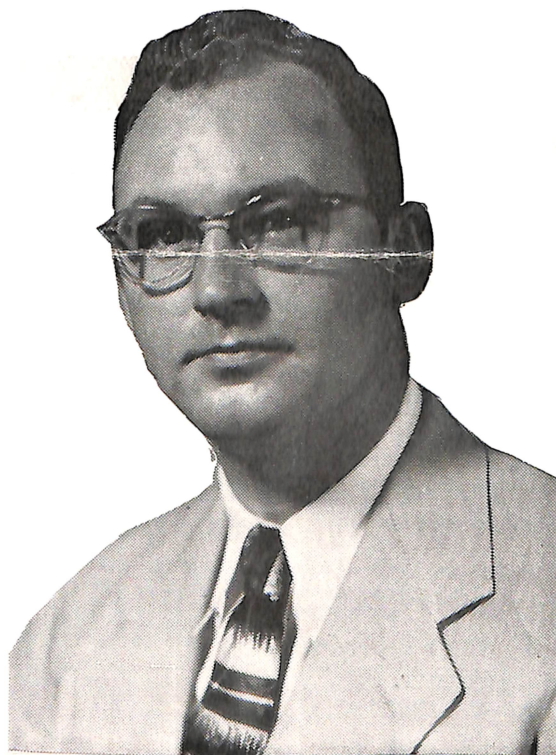
Route 1, Shelby — August 2nd, 1953

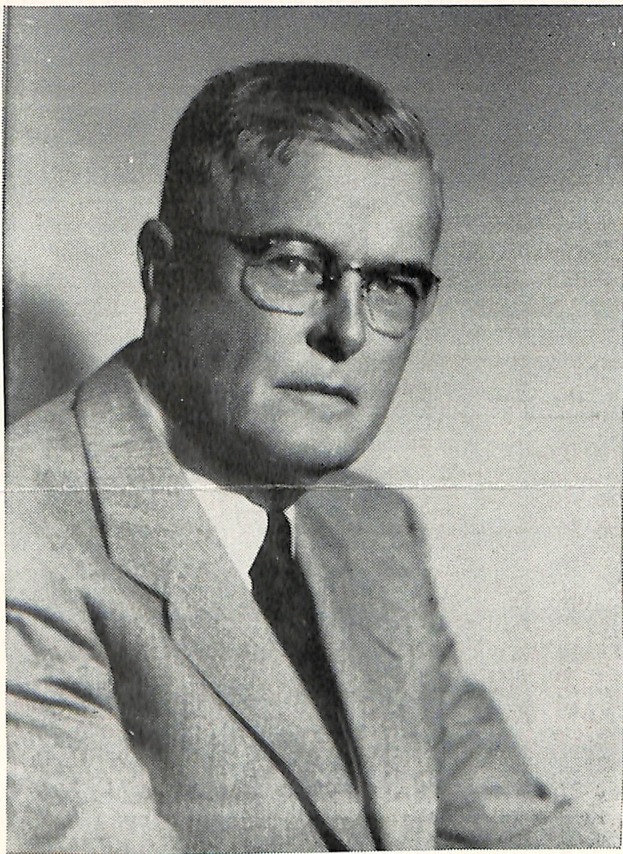
P A S T O R

REV. L. W. SMITH

Pastor Smith was born at Mebane, N. C., where he was graduated from high school and later attended Gardner-Webb College in Cleveland county. During his college career he served as supply pastor at Antioch Baptist church just over the line in South Carolina and later as supply at Bethlehem Baptist church.

He is now full-time pastor at New Prospect, succeeding Rev. A. M. Kiser who served for ten years and now lives at Fork, N. C.





Hon. Frank Dixon Our Distinguished Speaker

He lost
a leg in
war - you
know. I
haven't
seen him
in 20 yrs
I guess.
And his
brother -
George -
I guess
maybe
it's been
35 or 40
years
since

Former Governor Frank Dixon of Montgomery, Ala., is a grandson of Rev. T. Dixon who served Prospect church as pastor for 52 years and lies buried, beside his wife, in view of the pulpit of this church.

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Min.

Mr. Dixon is a descendant of Col. Frederick Hambright, one of the 7 colonels who commanded our forces at the Battle of Kings Mountain, which was the turning point in our fight for independence.

He is a leading attorney in Alabama and was its 42nd Governor, during which he carried out his full campaign promises for a more progressive state, especially in the matter of public education, health and roads, inaugurating the first drivers' license, workmen's compensation and soil conservation districts.

Just after he was licensed to practice law, he volunteered in World War I, served with distinction and heroism in France and was awarded three decorations for honor and valor as an air observer and machine gunner.

Dedication Program for Historic

New Prospect Baptist Church

Sunday, August 2nd, 1953

10:00—Hymns Nos. 199 and 161

10:10—Invocation and welcome by Pastor L. W. Smith

10:15—Building History of new addition by Rev A. M. Kiser

10:40—Special Music by Choir

10:45—Prayer by Mrs. Addie Dixon Thacker

10:50—Recognition of outside visitors and introduction of

speaker by Editor Lee Beam Weathers

11:00—Address by Former Gov. of Ala., Hon. Frank Dixon

11:40—Hymn No. 406

11:45—Dedication sermon by Rev. L. W. Smith

12:05—Hymn No. 331

12:10—Benediction

(Church is decorated for this occasion by Mrs. Hunter Payne and
Mrs. J. S. Hord in memory of Mr. J. S. Hord)

History of New Prospect Baptist Church

In the year 1801, when this nation was just 25 years old, John Teeter Beam who came to this country from a German province to settle in the new America, built a small house of worship. It was a Lutheran church but peoples of all denominations were invited to worship.

Later a brick church was built. Since some of his children married Baptists, the church became a Baptist organization about the year 1820. He then deeded the land and building to the Baptists. At the 1820 session of the Broad River Baptist Association held at Mountain Creek Church, Rutherford County, New Prospect was voted into the association.

It was constituted as New Prospect, October 6th, 1854, with 85 members and Rev. T. Dixon as pastor. Its first deacons were J. C. Hoyle, J. L. Ledford, Andrew Beam, W. H. Elliott and J. F. Wilson, with Mr. Hoyle church clerk.

In 1863, the church took dismissal from the Kings Mountain Association and joined Broad River, but returned to the Kings Mountain Association in 1871. It had a membership of 282 with 80 in Sunday School in 1881.

Rebuilding of the present brick structure was completed in the spring of 1953 and is free from debt. Each summer the Beam Clan, one of the largest family reunions in this section is held at New Prospect.

Present deacons are T. Zeno Hord, chairman, Parham Beam, Fibra Poston, Paul Allen, D. M. Cline, J. L. Allen, E. G. Clark and Paul Hord. J. L. Allen is superintendent of Sunday School.